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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEREUTER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 16, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DOUG BEREUTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Les Burleson, Southeast Director, Hockey Ministries International, Wake Forest, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

The world is complex, thorny, and often unrewarding to those that would step out and change things for the better. God, if anyone here today has lost that sense of idealism that brought them here, or that sense of wonder associated with being part of the grand experiment of democracy, please renew their spirits this day.

Give their hearts a new measure of hope, and give them a renewed vision of where their ideals can take a great Nation. Give them a spirit of adventure to carry us through today and into a new and broadening horizon.

Though "we, the people" can sometimes be fickle in our demands, please remind them that they are loved and respected for what they do and that we appreciate every day of their service. Whether through the mire of a war, the grief at the loss of a former President, or the briars and brambles of daily decisionmaking, these men and women are yet the leaders of the greatest Nation on Earth. God bless them, and God bless America. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GILLMOR led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2238. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses

to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made.

S. 2362. An act to authorize construction of a Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory instrumentation support control building and associated site development on Kitt Peak, Arizona, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress: The Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA).

WELCOMING THE REVEREND LESTER BURLESON

(Mr. MILLER of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome our guest chaplain, Lester Burleson. I am proud to represent Reverend Burleson in this Chamber. Reverend Burleson is the youth minister at Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina, a very important congregation in my home county.

Before arriving at that position, he served 8 years as pastor of Wake Union Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina, where he saw his ministry grow from a working congregation of about 38 to 150 folks regularly attending Sunday worship services.

Reverend Burleson's ministry has also taken him into the world of sport. As chapel coordinator for the Anshultz Entertainment Group in North America and Europe, he has helped many pro athletes grow in their faith. He also serves as the director of the chapel program for the Carolina Hurricanes, our local NHL team.

Just as Reverend Burleson has served his parish and his ministry with great

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